

NINETEEN MEN KILLED IN GAS BLAST UNDER LAKE ERIE

NEW PLANS TO
HECKLE WILSON
ABOUT MEXICO

Republicans in Congress Pre-
pare to Set Up Mighty
Wall Because Guard
Went to Border.

CARRANZA HORSEMEN
HUNT FOR SMUGGLERS

Gen. Bell's Ultimatum Follow-
ing Skirmish With
Snipers Brings
Action.

International News Service.
WASHINGTON, July 25.—A new
offensive movement is to be launched
by the republicans in the senate
against the administration's Mexican
policy. As a result of letters to sena-
tors from all parts of the country,
resolutions are in preparation de-
manding the withdrawal of the na-
tional guard from the border and to
prevent the further movement of
troops southward.

Sen. Fall of New Mexico, who has
furnished the republicans with an-
nouncement for their assaults on the
president's course in Mexico, returned
yesterday from a month's visit
along the border. He brought in-
formation of his observations there
to aid his republican colleagues in
their attacks on the Mexican policy.

Why Was Guard Sent?
"Why was the national guard ever
sent?" is the burden of many of
the letters received by senators and
a demand for an explanation from
the white house probably will be
contained in one of the resolutions
now in preparation. Sen. Townsend
of Michigan, who yesterday attack-
ed the maintenance of the guard on
the border, declares there is conclu-
sive proof that the administration
never intended to use the guard-
men for "cleaning up Mexico."

Republican leaders see in the
present situation abundant campaign
material. They claim the adminis-
tration has injured itself immeasur-
ably by calling out the national
guard while the democratic leaders
rejoice that the president has been
able to keep his peace record clear.
The republicans, however, contend
that the country wants the Mexican
question permanently settled and
that the sending of the guard to the
border has done nothing towards a
final solution of the problem.

HUNT FOR SMUGGLERS.

International News Service.
EL PASO, TEXAS, July 25.—Half
a hundred Carranza cavalrymen
jogged out of Juarez today with or-
ders to hunt the smugglers who
have been active in this vicinity and
who are suspected of stirring the
outpost skirmish with the Massa-
chusetts infantrymen.

Thus did Gen. Francisco Gonzales,
commandante at Juarez, reply to
the complaint lodged by Gen. George
Bell, Jr., commander at Fort Bliss.
Gen. Bell received information
that the smugglers presumably
working in the interests of "Pancho"
Villa or some other revolutionary
faction, had their camp on the
"island" in the Rio Grande on the
outskirts of El Paso. There has
been considerable sniping in this
district. It is known as well that
the automobiles of certain rich
Mexicans of Villa tendencies have
been making mysterious trips to the
spot.

Apparently no effort has been
made by the Carranzista garrison to
run down the renegade band. Its
last appearance was in the reported
exchange of shots with the Massa-
chusetts guardsmen. Gen. Bell com-
municated with Gen. Gonzales.

Cavalry Ordered Out.
As a result the Carranzista caval-
rymen were ordered out. They left
with Mausers swinging handily in
saddle scabbards and extra belts of
cartridges.

Meanwhile Gen. Bell has instruct-
ed the guardsmen and regulars to
"shoot back" if they are fired on
from the Mexican side. This the
soldier outfits are quite eager to do
and the next sniping is likely to de-
velop in a pitched battle.

The crisis that threatened to de-
velop at Guadalupe, where Mexican
bandits retreated after raiding the
Reynolds ranch on the American
side, seemed about to dissolve today
with the return of the stolen stock.
The Guadalupe commandante's quick
reply to Gen. Bell's ultimatum that
he would send in a punitive expedi-
tion unless the stock was returned
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Former Waiter
Saves Her From
Prisoner's Fate

International News Service.
NEW YORK, July 25.—The in-
tercession of a former German
waiter at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in
this city, who is now a petty officer
on a German destroyer, saved Mrs.
Dorothea Spencer from becoming a
prisoner in Germany and enabled
her to return to the United States on
the Scandinavian-American liner
United States which arrived late last
night.

Early last May Mrs. Spencer was
called to London by the serious ill-
ness of her sister and in her haste
she did not wait to seek an Ameri-
can passport. After nursing her
sister back to health a sea trip was
decided upon. Mrs. Spencer and her
sister too, a small steamer for Co-
penhagen, but on the way the ship
was intercepted by a German de-
stroyer.

As Mrs. Spencer had no passport
she was ordered to stand apart as a
prisoner when a young petty officer
happened to recognize her as an
American woman whom he had fre-
quently waited upon when he was in
New York before the war. Through
the intercession of the former waiter
Mrs. Spencer was allowed to go and
as the Germans departed the young
officer said to Mrs. Spencer:

"Madam, I had the pleasure of
waiting upon you before the war and
hope that I shall have the same
pleasure when the war is over."

CARRANZISTAS CLAIM
VICTORY OVER VILLA

International News Service.
MEXICO CITY, July 25.—Official
reports issued by the war depart-
ment announce that a crushing de-
feat has been administered to the
Villista army at San Isidro ranch,
southwest of Parral. Government
troops, it is stated, also routed an-
other bandit force near Olojo ranch,
killing Gen. Contreras, Villa's lead-
ing commander.

According to the official advice,
the Villistas defeated at San Isidro
lost seven carloads of provisions and
the greater part of their ammuni-
tion.

CROP CONDITIONS IN
CANADA DEPLORABLE

International News Service.
WINNIPEG, Man., July 25.—
Crop conditions in southern Canada
are deplorable, according to Min-
ister of Agriculture Winkler, who
returned today after an extended
inspection trip through the wheat
belt. Intense heat and lack of water,
he said, have ruined much of the
crop. Conditions in the northern dis-
tricts are said to be better.

GERMANS ANXIOUS
ABOUT EAST FRONT

Kaiser and Chief of Staff Go
From France to Rus-
sian Line.

International News Service.
LONDON, July 25.—German an-
xiety over the situation on the west-
ern front is reflected in the trip of
Emperor William and Gen. von Falk-
enhayn, chief of the general staff,
from France to the Russian line.
German resistance in Poland
Volhynia is weakening according to
advice received today from various
sources. This information is born
out by reports from Petrograd that
the Russians, after four days of
terrible fighting, have thrust back
the German troops of Field Marshal
von Hindenburg for 12 miles south
of Riga and along the Dvina river
north of Dvinsk.

On the contrary there is not a
single sign of a lessening in the
pressure which the armies of Gen.
Kuropatkin, Gen. Kelldine, Gen.
Sakharoff, Gen. Brusiloff and Gen.
Lechitsky are exerting against the
Austro-German front from the
Baltic to the southern ranges of
the Carpathians.

It now develops that Russian co-
sacks actually penetrated the Hun-
garian plain in Transylvania for a
distance of about 30 miles, creating
wild panic among the Hungarians,
but subsequently withdrew. The en-
terprise was in the nature of a raid
and was not carried out by large
forces.

On the western front the allies
are still driving forward by dint of
hard fighting. New progress has
been made by both the French and
British on the Somme river and
military critics both here and in
Paris view the situation as being
favorable in the utmost degree.

GOOD FOR THE CROPS.

WEIGEL RESIGNS
AS SECRETARY

Leaves Chamber of Commerce
to Enter Real Estate
Business Here.

Albert V. Weigel, business man-
ager of the Chamber of Commerce,
will tender his resignation to take ef-
fect Aug. 1, to the board of direc-
tors this evening. Mr. Weigel is
leaving the Chamber of Commerce
to go into the real estate and in-
vestment business with Joseph Wer-
winski.

Mr. Weigel came to South Bend
about Feb. 1, from Lafayette, where



ALBERT V. WEIGEL

he had been secretary of the Lafayette
Chamber of Commerce. He was
responsible for the organization of
the different bureaus of the local
Chamber of Commerce. Before go-
ing into the Chamber of Commerce
work, Mr. Weigel worked on several
of the large metropolitan papers.
After Aug. 1, he will have charge
of the downtown office that is to be
opened by Mr. Werwinski in the
Farmers' Trust Co. building. Mr.
Weigel will have charge of the sale
of lots in an addition to Mishawaka.

TOLEDO, O.—To prevent further
"pop bottle" injuries to umpires,
paper containers will replace the
glass bottle at American association
parks.

United States Will Purchase
Danish West Indies For
\$25,000,000 Officials Admit

International News Service.
WASHINGTON, July 25.—White
house officials today confirmed the
statement that the United States will
purchase the Danish West Indies for
approximately \$25,000,000.

It was stated that the negotiations
which have been in progress for
nearly two years, are about complet-
ed. The text of the proposed pur-
chase treaty has been agreed upon, it
was stated, and the signatures of the
two nations are to be affixed in the
near future.

As soon as the treaty is completed
it will be sent to the senate here and
the Danish parliament for ratifica-
tion. Officials declare that there is
no doubt that the document will be
approved by both.

By purchasing the Danish West
Indies, the United States will secure
possession of what officials say is the
most strategic group of islands in
connection with the Panama canal.
The negotiations for the acquisition
by the United States of these
islands were commenced soon after
the outbreak of the present Euro-
pean war when rumors reached the
United States that Germany had
made an offer for them. There was
a hitch as a result of the failure of
the two governments to reach an
agreement on the price to be paid.
Since then the negotiations have con-
tinued, but recently the Danish gov-
ernment expressed a willingness to
"do business" inasmuch as the colo-
nies had proved unprofitable. The
islands have become a source of se-
rious expense and as a result the
sentiment throughout Denmark.

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GIRL IS DEAD OF
AIR IN ARTERIES

Farmer's Son Held in Con-
nection With Death of
Paoli, Ind., Girl.

International News Service.
OLNEY, Ill., July 25.—"Air in the
arteries" is declared by reputable
physicians to have caused the death
of 17-year-old Elizabeth Ratcliffe,
into whose death a coroner's jury
today began an inquest. Held with-
out bail is Roy Hinterliter, son of
a well-to-do farmer. After an
autopsy had revealed that the girl
was about to become a mother, but
that there was no evidence of an
operation nor of poison, physicians
were mystified. But when the route
over which Hinterliter and his sweet-
heart took their last drive before he
brought her to a sanitarium, dead,
was retraced, an instrument was
found which, according to State's
Atty. Morris, might have been used
in an attempt at an operation, and
which might account for air in the
arteries.

When Hinterliter was held, rich
friends and relatives offered bail,
but it was refused and the state's
attorney declared that he expected
to unearth one of the most unusual
cases on record.

Miss Ratcliffe came here from
Paoli, Ind., to visit a sister, Mrs.
Bert Fancher. She was attractive
and Hinterliter had paid her much
attention. Saturday night, after a
drive, he brought her to the Olney
sanitarium, saying she had fainted
during the trip. She was dead.

International News Service.
COPENHAGEN, July 25.—The
Petrograd correspondent of the
newspaper Politiken estimates that
Gen. von Linsengen's German army,
which has been bearing the brunt of
the Russian assaults on the Lipa
river in Volhynia, has lost 50,000
men, or one-third of the whole force.
It is further reported from Petro-
grad that the main Russian forces
fighting in the southern Carpathians
are now only three miles from the
Hungarian frontier.

BRITISH BREAK
EVERY TREATY
WITH THE U. S.

Creation of Blacklist is Climax
of Long Series of Viola-
tions Against Com-
merce of America.

DETENTION METHODS
AID ENGLISH TRADERS

American Goods Are Held Up
and British Fill Orders,
is Claim—Vigorous
Protest Planned.

International News Service.
WASHINGTON, July 25.—Nearly
every existing trade treaty between
Great Britain and the United States
has been violated by that nation in
her assaults upon American com-
mercial rights which now has cul-
minated in the creation of a black-
list of more than 80 American busi-
ness concerns and business men.
State department officials made this
plain today in rejecting the sugges-
tions contained in the cable message
from London that England has a
perfect right to say who her sub-
jects shall and shall not trade with.

It is now plain that the extreme
seriousness of the situation is not
realized in London. The series of
inquiries addressed to the foreign
office on behalf of the United States
by Ambassador Page there have
gone unanswered. And according
to the statements made to the de-
partment here by the British am-
bassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, he
has as yet been unable to get any
complete information as to the scope
of the British movement.

British Profited.
It is claimed that the British de-
tention methods have been utilized
to the last to aid British exporters.
Under the guise of "ascertaining
ownership" large consignments of
goods sent to neutral nations have
been held up in ships detained in
British territorial waters. It now
is alleged that in many cases while
these were held for investigation
British merchants in similar lines
sent along shipments to all the
orders, with the result that the goods
originally shipped were not accepted
by the consignee because of the de-
lay. The loss to Americans from
this source is said to be very great
and complaining firms have been
directed to send along all data avail-
able to be incorporated in the com-
ing protest.

It again was made plain at both
the white house and the state de-
partment today that, while the ad-
ministration is very anxious to make
its complete protest without de-
lay, it has been found necessary to
move slowly because of the inability
to force prompt action in fur-
nishing the facts from Great Brit-
ain.

The president has promised
callers that vigorous protest will
be made and that this government
will insist on all existing trade treat-
ies being observed under all cir-
cumstances.

To Press For Action in Mail Cases.
Meanwhile this government will
continue to press for action on the
mail hold-ups at both London and
Paris. The mail detention is a very
vital part of the general British
protest and this government has
along insisted that under no cir-
cumstances will it consent to any
recognition of the rights of belligerents
to divert mail carrying vessels into
their territorial waters and then in-
sist that they have the right of ex-
amination and confiscation.

In the entire matter of trade in-
terference by mail and otherwise,
officials say that this government
has sufficient information available
for a preliminary protest and the
president and his cabinet are being
urged by senators and commercial
representatives to send this prelimi-
nary demand without delay and
later supplement it when all the
facts are available. This probably
will be done if there is continuation
of the present delay.

SAYS VAN LINSNGEN
HAS LOST 50,000 MEN

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Hungarian frontier.

Hoosier Poet is
Laid to Rest in
Massive Vault

International News Service.
INDIANAPOLIS, July 25.—James
Whitcomb Riley was laid to rest to-
day in a massive flower-covered
vault in Crown Hill cemetery. This
temporary resting place was chosen
until it could be decided where the
Hoosier poet of simplicity should be
forever interred in Crown Hill cem-
etery where his grave might become
a sanctuary or in a little cemetery
in the little town of Greenfield, his
boyhood home.

After the pomp of yesterday, when
his body lay in state in the capitol
and in six hours 40,000 people passed
by it, the body was moved back to
quiet Lockerbie st., where the fu-
neral was to be held from the resi-
dence. Dr. Joseph A. Milburn of
Sewanee, Tenn., former pastor of the
Second Presbyterian church here,
was to officiate at the simple services
this afternoon. Only the poet's few
relatives and a few friends were to
be present.

CASEMENT'S EXECUTION
IS FIXED FOR AUGUST

International News Service.
LONDON, July 25.—Sir Roger
Casement's execution has been fixed
for Aug. 3, the Daily Mail stated to-
day. Unless granted a royal rep-
rieve, Casement will be hanged in
the yard of Pentonville prison.
Hope for the saving of Casement's
life by judicial means was practi-
cally abandoned when his appeal
from his conviction on the charge of
high treason was rejected on July
18.

DEUTSCHLAND IS
TUNED FOR DASH

Capt. Koenig Tests Delicate
Machinery by Submerging
Submarine at Dock.

International News Service.
BALTIMORE, Md., July 25.—
The submarine, Bremen, sister
ship of the Deutschland in port
here, will dock in Boston, and
not Baltimore as at first report-
ed. It was learned from an official
of the Eastern Forwarding
Co., agents of the submarine
company, that orders were is-
sued to the commander of the
Bremen before she left Ger-
many, that she would not risk
running into the fleet of allied
warships waiting for the
Deutschland outside the Vir-
ginia capes, but instead should
go into Boston harbor.

International News Service.
BALTIMORE, Md., July 25.—De-
spite elaborate final preparations
for the sailing of the German super-
submarine Deutschland to Germany,
the big submersible today still lay at
her dock, poised for the long drive
across the Atlantic. While the
Deutschland waited, impatient to be
on her way on her perilous voyage
the enemy-infested seas, her officers
and agents sought in vain for news
of the Deutschland's sister ship, the
Bremen, long overdue. German rep-
resentatives in Baltimore are at a
loss to explain the delay in the ar-
rival of the Bremen, which left Ger-
many, it is reported, more than three
weeks ago. Rumors were abroad to-
day that the second big submarine
was missing and that German war
submarines were combing the At-
lantic searching for her.

Loath to leave Baltimore until
some definite word of the Bremen
had been received, Capt. Paul Koenig,
with his vessel and crew primed
for the dash across the Atlantic, still
delayed his departure. Every detail
in the preparation of the big sub-
marine for her dare-devil return trip
had been completed. Only a war
was necessary to send the Deutsch-
land careening out of slip and into
the Patuxent river to begin the first
leg of her journey. The big sea-
going tug Timmins, instead of being
moored as usual at the slip, was
hauled into the dock with a tow
line fast to the stern of the Deutsch-
land, ready to jerk the submarine
into the stream and start down
Chesapeake bay. Every man-jack
of the husky crew of the Deutsch-
land was aboard and at his post of
duty. A submergence test had tuned
up the complicated machinery of the
big undersea boat. In the 30-foot
depth of water in the slip, Capt.
Koenig had lowered his craft until
the decks were awash and then had
brought her to the surface again.

Outside the big submarine was
stripped for sea service. Her fold-
ing masts were tucked away in their
grooves along the hull and her wire-
less aerials were tucked away out
of sight.

TWELVE HURT,
SPARKS IGNITE
FUMES IN VEIN

Workers Trapped in Tunnel
Under Construction From
Cleveland Waterworks
to Crib Intake.

HOLOCAUST COMES AFTER
PROBE HAS BEEN MADE

First Crew of Rescuers Over-
come and Add to List of
Dead—No More Volun-
teers Are Secured.

International News Service.
CLEVELAND, O., July 25.—
Nineteen men are known to be dead
and a dozen injured as a result of
an explosion of gas in a water
works tunnel under construction
between a pumping station on land
and an intake crib five miles out
in Lake Erie late last night.

The men were working 50 feet
below the bottom of the lake, which
is 76 feet deep at that point, plac-
ing them 126 feet below the sur-
face. They were 1,780 feet shore-
ward from the crib. The explosion
came as the tunnel workers
broke through a gas vein with their
picks and shovels and the fumes
ignited from electric sparks.

Had Made Tests.
The night shift had returned to
work last night after a three days
layoff because gas fumes had been
discovered and tests were made to
ascertain the safety of further
work.

Although suspicious odors had
been noticed for several days and
work had been halted the men were
permitted to enter the tube with-
out helmets or other means of safe-
ty.

At 8 o'clock last evening 11 men
descended the shaft. An hour later
workmen on the surface detected
gas and attempted to signal the
men in the tube. Receiving no re-
sponse they sent rocket signals in-
to the air to attract life savers on
shore, there being no other means
of communication. It was almost
midnight before aid reached the
scene and then a rescue party was
quickly formed which made the de-
scent. Of this party 11 rescuers
seven succumbed in the tunnel and
died after being brought out.

No More Volunteers.
After the first rescue party had
met the same fate as the 11 work-
men, no more men would volunteer
to aid in the rescue work until hel-
mets could be procured. There
was considerable delay in getting
helmets and not until after daylight
today was the rescue work taken
up by men properly equipped to
withstand the deadly vapor.

Ten bodies were brought to
shore on a tug boat at 10 a. m. to-
day. Nine more are known to be
in the tube and the rescuers are
digging their way through the de-
bris to bring out the remaining bod-
ies.

The identified dead:
S. H. Yokes, assistant superin-
tendent of tunnel.
Thomas Clark.
J. M. Woods.
W. Lahtstein.
Archie Turnbull.
Stephen Hays.
John Flynn.
John Mackey.
Justice Aris.
Frank Reep.
Louis Jappisoli.
W. Y. Oman.
Harry Hatcher.
Peter Sullivan.
Clarence Welch.

No Bodies Recovered.
Rescuers reported at noon that
none of the bodies of the 11 men
killed by the explosion had been re-
covered, although 16 bodies of res-
cuers had been taken out. This
would make the total number of
dead 21. The men killed by the ex-
plosion are thought to be so deeply
buried in the mud that it will take
days to recover their bodies.
All of the men whose bodies have
been recovered gave up their lives
in a futile attempt to save their
comrades. Had they been equipped
with helmets and other things nec-
essary in rescue work they possibly
could have brought at least a part
of the unfortunate men from the
death trap and would not have given
up their own lives.